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Further information on UA 48/98 (MDE 30/04/98, 13 February 1998) and follow-up (MDE 30/09/98, 13 March 1998; MDE 30/16/98, 12 June 1998; MDE 30/02/99, 8 February 1999) - Fear for safety

TUNISIA Radhia Nasraoui, human rights lawyer

On 10 February 1999, Radhia Nasraoui was charged in a local court with failing to comply with the authorities' ruling banning her from leaving the capital. She received a 15 days' suspended sentence and had to pay a small fine.

She had gone out of Tunis briefly in January to attend the funeral of her mother-in-law. This resulted in a dramatic rise in the level of harassment and intimidation against her by security forces, and a court summons.

There will be no appeal but her defence lawyers will seek a review of the case by the Supreme Court.

Please continue appeals as before.